

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 341 – HB 720

February 28, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes school counselors, with written parental consent, to refer or help facilitate the referral of a student to a private counselor or therapist for mental health assessments and services. Exempts local education agencies (LEAs) and school counselors from bearing the cost of the private counselor or other mental health provider.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004315): Deletes and rewrites language of the bill such that the only substantive change is to eliminate the requirement that the requisite student's parent or guardian submit a written request that for the school counselor to facilitate a referral.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information from the Department of Education and TennCare, facilitating mental health services for students will have no significant fiscal impact on state or local government.
- No change in Basic Education Program (BEP) funding.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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